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Attached is the following for filing in the above-identified application.

Amendment in response to the Office Action dated August 21, 2006. (1)

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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This response in filed in answer to the Office Action dated August 21, 2006. This response has two parts:

- A. Amendments to the Claims; and
- B. Remarks.

Please grant any extension of time necessary for entry; charge any fee due to Deposit Account No. 50-3863.

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